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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN VIEWS ON KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT

1. SUMMARY. TANGOV EXPECTS KHARTOUM TO FOCUS ON
DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO SHABA AND BE "NASTY."
TANZANIA DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ASSAILING
MOBUTU BUT BELIEVES HE NEEDS TO BE "TAUGHT A
LESSON" ABOUT SEEKING SOLUTIONS OUTSIDE AFRICA
FOR AFRICAN PROBLEMS. TANZANIA WILL OPPOSE
ANYTHING THAT FREEZES THE STATUS QUO IN ZAIRE
PARTICULARLY IF IT IS OF NON-AFRICAN ORIGIN.
END SUMMARY.

2. PROBABLE TANZANIAN VIEW OF KHARTOUM OAU
SUMMIT EMERGED FROM DISCUSSIONS JUNE 23 BETWEEN
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EMBOFF AND PETER PALANGYO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
FOREIGN MINISTRY'S AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST DIVISION.
PALANGYO SAID TANGOV EXPECTED KHARTOUM TO BE
"NASTY" AND THAT MANY OAU MEMBERS WERE "LOOKING
FOR A FIGHT." HE EXPECTED SHABA ESPECIALLY BUT
ALSO CHAD, WESTERN SAHARA, AND COMOROS TO BE THE
DOMINANT ISSUES. PALANGYO EXPECTED THAT THE

MODERATES (HE NAMED IVORY COAST, SENEGAL AND ZAIRE)
WOULD BE OVERWHELMED.

3. PALANGYO SAID TANZANIA WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE
VOCAL AS ITS POSITION HAD BEEN CLEARLY STATED BY
PRESIDENT NYERERE ON JUNE 8 TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS
IN DAR ES SALAAM. TANZANIA WOULD NOT, HOWEVER,
BACK AWAY FROM THE ISSUES. SOME THINGS NEEDED TO
BE SAID AND SAID CLEARLY. THE PRINCIPAL TARGET
WILL BE MOBUTU. PALANGYO SAID HE WILL BE ATTACKED
BECAUSE HE TRIED TO MAKE AFRICAN SECURITY ARRANGE-
MENTS OUTSIDE AFRICA WITHOUT CONSULTING THE OAU.
"HE MUST BE TAUGHT A LESSON SO NO ONE WILL EVER
BE TEMPTED TO DO THAT SORT OF THING AGAIN."

4. ACCORDING TO PALANGYO, TANGOV WILL OPPOSE
ANYTHING THAT PROMOTES SECURITY AND STABILITY IN
ZAIRE AS THIS WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF PROTECTING
MOBUTU. ANY OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE FOR ZAIRE WAS
PARTICULARLY UNDESIRABLE, INCLUDING ECONOMIC AID.
PALANGYO SAID ZAIRE SHOULD BE SEALED OFF SO PEOPLE
THERE COULD SORT THINGS OUT FOR THEMSELVES. ZAIRE,
HE SAID, WAS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT NYERERE MEANT BY
THE "SECOND STAGE OF LIBERATION," THE END OF NEO-
COLONIALISM. AT THAT STAGE PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN
SERIOUSLY SHORT-CHANGED BY THEIR REGIMES BEGAN TO
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ASK WHY AND TO CONSIDER WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT.

5. PALANGYO MENTIONED TANGOV WOULD BE WILLING TO
SUPPORT, BUT WOULD NOT SEEK, AN OAU FORCE DESIGNED
TO PREVENT NOT ONLY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN
AFRICA BUT ALSO CROSS-BORDER INTERFERENCE IN
INTERNAL POLITICAL PROCESSES. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER,
ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A FORCE WAS UNLIKELY AND WAS
VERY VAGUE ON HOW IT COULD BE APPLIED IN CURRENT
"SITUATIONS."

6. COMMENT. PALANGYO IS WELL-INFORMED ABOUT
NYERERE'S THINKING AND PROBABLY RELECTS HIS VIEWS
ON KHARTOUM. TANGOV ANTIPATHY TOWARDS MOBUTU IS
REACHING NEW HIGHS. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS
IN PAST WEEK HAS FEATURED PICTURES OF MOBUTU'S
EUROPEAN MANSIONS AND REPORT THAT HE IS WORLD'S
SECOND WEALTHIEST RULER. CURRENT JOKE IN TANGOV
CIRCLES IS THAT MOBUTU SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO
JOIN WESTERN COUNTRIES AS A MAJOR DONOR OF FOREIGN
AID FOR ZAIRE'S DEVELOPMENT.
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